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In re Application of Walton and Warchol Application No. 10/087,074 Filed: March 1, 2002 For: RESINS ACTING AS WET STRENGTH AGENTS AND CREPING AIDS AND PROCESSES FOR PREPARING AND USING THE SAME

DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the renewed petition under $37\ \text{CFR}\ 1.47(a)$, filed November 18, 2002 (certificate of mailing November 12, 2002.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers. Specifically, the statement of facts of Gary A. Samuels establishes that the inventor was mailed the application papers, including the specification, claims and drawings, but failed to respond to the request that she sign the declaration.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the present petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The \$130.00 petition fee is unnecessary and will be credited to Deposit Account No. 08-1800.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-5589.

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